GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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INDIGENISATION OF CLUSTER BOMBS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAGin paragraph 47 of its Report No. 9 of 1993 brought out the facts of delay in indigenisation of cluster bombs resulting inter alia in importation of cluster bombs valuing Rs. 106.65 crore by the Indian Air Force to meet its requirement;

(b) whether his Ministry maintained in their action taken note that the cluster bomb was likely to go into full scale production from 1994;

(c) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in indigenisation of cluster bombs?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): There was delay in indigenisation because of technology complications. User trials were successfully completed in November, 1995 and the first lot of 35 Nos. was supplied in 1995-96.